

rapid increase. A few years ago, com-

over the fact that the war in South Africa has already cost Great Britain paratively, the cost of firing the largest idea of a war between Russia and more than \$732,000,000. Compared with the cost of some of the great wars of the last century, however, this sum is hardly a drop in the bucket.

The most costly war of all time was the civil war of 1861-'65 in the United States. That war cost the northern states a total of 6,200 million dollars, while the South spent more than 2,000 millions in addition. And this does not consider the enormous expense of the pensions which have been paid for the last thirty-five years.

Next in cost to the war of the rebellion was the Franco-Prussian war of 1870. It cost, in round numbers, 2,500 millions of dollars. The Ccicomparatively recent wars, with a total cost of 1,700 millions,

The little affair in South Africa has cost the British up to date, less than one-tenth of what the United States spent in four years of its great civil conflict, and less than a third as much as France and Germany poured out in their short strusgle.

The present aggregate war debts of as to entirely pass comprehension, sives. They sum up more than 30,000 millions of dollars. As there are nearly 1,500 millions of people in the world it will be seen that if equally divided among them the world's war debt would give an average of \$18 apiece for every man,

woman and child in the world to carry. Even more startling are the figures destruction of human life. In this line man who is kept under arms and is. also the United States civil war stands in first place, with a total of more than 800,000 men killed in battle and died

of wounds and disease. Close to this to go to war. BILLION DOLLARS

terrible record is that of the Crimean | ers of Europe were loaded into railwar, in which 750,000 men lost their road cars holding fifty people each lives while in the Franco-Pensolar conflict the losses were 225,000. In car. these three wars alone enough people were killed to more than entirely wipe out the population of Chicago and

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leave it a lonely uninhabited desert. In addition to those who are recorded as dying in battle and of disease, there were other hundreds of thousands who were maimed in these wars or who contracted disease from which they never fully recovered. And, doubtless, in thousands of cases deaths were caused by the absence from home of their natural provider while these great wars were being waged. How much the world lost by losing the services of all these millions of stalwart men it is entirely impossible even to estimate.

Writers on the cost of war estimate also that every war of any consequence firectly affects practically everybody on earth, no matter how far distant they may be from the scene of the conflict. Thus during the civil war, for instance, the cotton mills of England were cut off from their supply of raw material and as a result there was a 'cotton famine" in Lancashire, which took on the proportions of a national As a direct result of the 100,000 workmen in England, Germany, and France were kept out of work continuously for more than three raised to 3,000,000. years, with much misery and starvation as result.

"War is so homicidal in its nature," says one writer, "that it slays thousands of victims, even at a distance of thousands of miles from the battle-

fields," It is pointed out that, in the nature of things, a great war becomes more great guns and of enormous floating who hold the bonds representing the prepared .- Ex.

gun made was not more than a few dollara. Now it costs \$827 to fire a single shot from a 16-inch rifle, or more poorer by reducing the market value of than enough to pay the wages of a their holdings. It is believed that private soldier in the regular for five every time a foreign loan is floated in long years. Even an S-inch rifle costs | this country, for instance, the assur-\$125 each time it is discharged. If the lance of international peace is made twenty-seven large seaports of the just that much stronger, as all the United States were each protected, as people who hold the foreign securities military men say they should be, with | will exert their influence in favor of ten batteries of five rifles each, it is estimated that it would cost nearly half a million dollars to fire a single round from all the guns in position. A single battleship or large cruiser costs millions, and yet it may be entirely destroyed by a torpedo or by a mean war stands third on the list of few shots if they happen to hit the right places. Every new discovery, either in the way of new engines of warfare or of more deadly and dangerous explosives, makes war more costly. A dozen old ships of the line could be built and completely equipped for less than it costs to put a modern battleship into the water. A ton of gunpowder would not do as much damage as a few hundred pounds of all the nations of the world are so great | melevite or any of the modern explo-For military and naval purposes the

nations of Europe spend annually 750 millions of dollars. They keep under arms continually more than 3,000,000 men, six times as many ready to fly to arms when the word "mobilize" is spoken. It is estimated that the commuwhich show what war has cost in the nity loses at least \$200 a year for each therefore, unproductive. For all Europe this loss would amount to 600 millions of dollars, which should be added to the 750 millions annually paid out for military and naval purposes. Taking the two together, it appears that Europe pays something like \$3,000,000 a day in times of pence for the purpose of keeping itself ready

By way of illustrating what the presence of these great armies means to Europe it is pointed out that if all the inhabitants of the five great pow-

FRANCO-PRUSSIAN CRIMEAN BOER-RRITESPE: WAR WAR WAR would be five soldiers in each

Austria spends less than the other powers of equal importance. Its war tax in peace times is only about \$11,-000,000 a year, but each year it takes away from their businesses and professions 120,000 young men, who are obliged to serve for three consecutive years in the army. After that they are still obliged to hold themselves at the call of the government for the next twenty years. Military service is universal. In war time it is estimated that more than 3,000,000 trained soldiera can be put into the field.

Italy spends more than Austria, but has a smaller army to show for it. The "recruit corp" in Italy is about 320,000 young men a year, out of which number nearly 100,000 are annually chosen for active service in the army. Germany goes far beyond either Aus-

tria or Italy in the amount of its expenditures. In Germany every year more than 360,000 young men reach the military age and enter the army as a matter of compulsion. Every son of the empire must put in six years-two national development and equality of in active service and four in the army all under the same flag, against the of the reserve. On a peace footing the civil war it has been estimated that kaiser has more than half a million soldiers at his command, and in case of necessity this number could be

But the greatest military power, on land at least, is, of course, Russia, which maintains an establishment of more than 800,000 men in times of figure might easily be multiplied by four or even five.

There appears to be great excitement | fortresses are among the causes of this | war debt of a nation. Thus the investors who hold English consols hate the England, because the mere rumor of such a conh. makes them actually

> Anti-American Alliance. That the Spectator in warning us against a possible European anti-alliance is largely moved by the hope of convincing us that England is our only friend in Europe is easy to see. Nevertheless there is a certain amount of foundation for its warnings. The

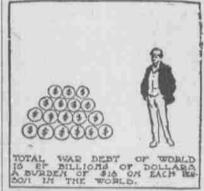


ruling classes of Europe hate the United States and its governmental policies.

In the first place, this country represents to them the overthrow of aristocratic privilege. In the second place, they have not yet outgrown the eighteenth century idea that colonies, dependencies, or "protectorates" are simply to be exploited for the benefit of the "mother" country.

The loss of her American colonies forced England to abandon a large portion of that idea. Russia perhaps from the fact that her annexations have all been contiguous, seems largely to have escaped its influence. The United States never held it, and now protects the Latin-American republics against its extension.

Wherever the American flag has gone orderly liberty and industrial equality have gone with it. We have never discriminated, as a settled police, against the industries or the commerce of our new possessions. We have even refused to turn to our commercial advantage the virtual protectorate that we hold over the Latin-American states. While for our own safety we insist that "our flat on this continent is law," we utter it only against Eu-



ropean aggression (as we did when England tried to hold up Venezuela at our very doors), and not for our pecuniary advantage

Since the United States thus stands as the great bulwark of independent European idea of colonial dependency and exploitation, the ruling classes of Europe have good reason to hate us." And, while the European masses undoubtedly think otherwise, they may be misled for a time into permitting their rulers to try to give their hate tangible effect.

That part of the Spectator's warning, peace, while under pressure of war this therefore, which counsels us to increase our fleet and be ready to defend our position is most timely. The privileged classes of Europe (Russia ex-One of the greatest influences which | cepted) cannot be expected to give up costly each year. The invention of work for peace is that of the people without a struggle, and we should be

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